

Co-chairs and members of the committee,

My name is Anne Bowman and I am from Glastonbury, CT and a member of TALK, Truth in Action with Love and Kindness.

I support the Fair Share Legislation, House Bill 6633,

As you know or should know, there is a shortage of housing in our country and in our state. Connecticut needs Fair Share housing to help provide housing for residents who cannot afford the limited available housing. Connecticut needs Fair Share housing to provide affordable housing for the workers in our grocery stores, health care, delivery services, retail establishment, agriculture, education and law enforcement. Some of these workers are our children, our seniors and ourselves.

Connecticut needs Fair Share housing because it will contribute to the economic growth of our state and its residents. Fair Share housing will bring billions in income to residents, and state and local tax Revenues and create thousands of jobs for 10 years.

Fair Share Housing is important to me for many reasons including to help others who have not benefited from generational wealth. Many people who live in Connecticut pay more than 30% of their income for housing because they do not have generational wealth. My six siblings and I and our children have benefited from this. Our mom was a nurse in the Philippines during World War II. My parents bought their first home because of a benefit available to WWII veterans. My siblings and I grew up in a neighborhood with schools that were well supported financially and, in a neighborhood, free of polluting industry and toxic waste plants. We received an education that afforded us the ability to go to college and succeed financially as adults. Had my mother been a Black American veteran, my parents would not have been able to obtain a VA mortgage with no down payment. The subsequent benefits of this would not have been available to us.

Fair Share housing is good for Connecticut. Fair Share housing is HB 6633.

As a resident of Glastonbury and I welcome Fair Share housing for Glastonbury.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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